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SUBJECT: ECOSOC ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION: ELECTIONS TO UNICEF

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1. AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL MEETING OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER GROUP (WEOG) MEETING ON JANUARY 9, THE CANDIDACIES OF ITALY, JAPAN, FRANCE, AND THE U.S. FOR THE UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD WERE RECONFIRMED. IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS MIGHT WISH TO PUT FORWARD CANDIDACIES. THESE INCLUDED AUSTRALIA, SPAIN AND CANADA. NO INFORMATION ON CANDIDACIES FROM OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS WAS PRESENTED IN THE COURSE OF THIS MEETING. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS LIKELY ON THE BASIS OF THE CANDIDACIES AND PROBABLE CANDIDACIES ANNOUNCED AT THE WEOG THAT THERE WILL NOT BE AN AGREED SLATE OF THEN CANDIDATES AT THE TIME THAT THIS ITEM IS TO BE TAKEN UP AT THE 60TH ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION OF ECOSOC. THIS BEING THE CASE, IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT, AS SUGGESTED BY BELGIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE LONGERSTAEY, THE ELECTIONS WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING ECOSOC SESSION IN APRIL-MAY OR EVEN UNTIL THE 61ST SESSION IN GENEVA IN JULY. SUCH POSTPONEMENT WOULD NOT EFFECT THE WORKINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNICEF, SINCE THE TERMS OF THE OUTGOING TEN MEMBERS DO NOT EXPIRE UNTIL JULY 31, 1976, AND IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE IS NO SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN THE PERIOD AUGUST-DECEMBER, 1976.

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